

J. Lee Wilbarger House
Bastrop, Texas.

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THE J. LEE WILBARGER HOME
BASTROP, BASTROP CO., TEXAS

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The present owner and occupant is J. Lee Wilbarger.

Mr. Wilbarger acquired the property by purchase from his Mother, Mrs. Harvey Wilbarger, in 1910.

A Mr. Brooks built the house in 1852 on farm lot #2, Main Street, Bastrop, Texas. Brooks sold it to Harvey Wilbarger in 1865, and his wife in turn sold it to her son, its present owner.

The partition between the stair hall and the hall was removed and replaced by columns. A partition, with two windows and a door, made a sitting room of what was originally part of the back porch. The side porch and bath down stairs, and the small bed room and bath up stairs were later additions. The date of these additions is unknown. There was no architect, and no record of the identity of the builder is available.

The house stands on the original site. The names of architect and builder are unknown.

Josiah Pugh Wilbarger, father of Harvey Wilbarger, and Reuben Hornsby, who selected their head-right leagues in 1830 some ten miles North of the old San Antonio-Nacogdoches Road, near what later became Bastrop, were the first outside settlers of Stephen F. Austin's new colony. Josiah Wilbarger, who built his house at Wilbarger's Bend, near Bastrop, at an earlier date, was scalped by the Indians, and lived for twelve years afterward to tell of his experience. The J. Lee Wilbarger House at Bastrop resembles the original Wilbarger House at Wilbarger's Bend very closely.

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